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SUBJECT: US-EC NINE DRAFT DECLARATION:NEXT STEPS

1. ON INSTRUCTIONS, DANISH AMBASSADOR BARTELS CALLED ON ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY SPRINGSTEEN TO EXPLORE QUESTION OF DATE FOR NEXT MEETING OF US REPS WITH EC NINE POLITICAL DIRECTORS, WHICH HAD BEEN LEFT OPEN IN COPENHAGEN MEETING OCTOBER 18-19 (COPENHAGEN 2618).

2. INDICATING THAT HE WAS MAKING INQUIRIES IN HIS CAPACITY AS DANISH REPRESENTATIVE, AND IN THE INTERESTS OF GOOD MANAGEMENT SINCE DANES WERE IN CHAIR OF EC NINE
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POLITICAL COMMITTEE, BARTELS STRESSED HIS APPROACH HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED WITH OTHERS AMONG THE NINE. HE POINTED OUT THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING REACHED AT THE US-EC NINE MEETING IN COPENHAGEN, THE NINE DID NOT

INTEND TO PROPOSE A NEW MEETING DATE BUT WOULD AWAIT AN INDICATION OF US PREFERENCES. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE SAID THAT THE DATE FOR THE NEXT US-EC NINE SESSION HAD BEEN LEFT OPEN AS A RESULT OF THE WISHES OF THE PARTICIPANTS TO CONSULT THEIR RESPECTIVE AUTHORITIES, AND WAS "FURTHERMORE DUE TO A RECOGNITION THAT THE TRAVEL PLANS OF PRESIDENT NIXON HAD A CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE ON THE WORK BEING DONE."

3. SPRINGSTEEN STATED THAT, AT THE COPENHAGEN MEETING, THE DISCUSSION BASICALLY HAD COVERED ONLY PARAGRAPHS 1-17, AND THAT, THOUGH THE ECONOMIC PARAGRAPHS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IN GENERAL TERMS, SPECIFIC EC NINE SUGGESTIONS FOR THEIR REVISION HAD NOT BEEN AVAILABLE. IN US VIEW, SPRINGSTEEN SAID, THE EXERCISE SHOULD MOVE AHEAD, AND IN THIS CONNECTION IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL TO HAVE THE EC PROPOSED REVISIONS FOR THE REMAINING PARAGRAPHS OF THE TEXT. NOTING THAT THE EC NINE POLITICAL DIRECTORS WERE SCHEDULED TO MEET NOVEMBER 12-13, SPRINGSTEEN PROPOSED THAT THEY MEET AGAIN WITH US REPS NOVEMBER 12, 13 OR 14. AT THAT TIME, WE WOULD ENVISAGE THAT THE BULK OF TIME WOULD BE SPENT IN DISCUSSING THE ECONOMIC PARAGRAPHS, THOUGH WE WOULD WISH TO REVIEW AGAIN PARAS 1-17 OF THE NINE DRAFT TABLED OCTOBER 19 AT COPENHAGEN. AFTER UNDERLINING IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO ANOTHER MEETING IN MID-NOVEMBER, SPRINGSTEEN REMINDED BARTELS OF US POSITION THAT PLANS FOR THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP WOULD BE DETERMINED IN LARGE MEASURE BY THE SUBSTANCE OF THE DRAFTS THAT EMERGED FROM THE US-EC NINE AND NATO CONSULTATIONS. AS US HAD INDICATED EARLIER, SPRINGSTEEN SAID, WE ARE NOT UNDER PRESSURE FOR THE PRESIDENT TO VISIT EUROPE; HOWEVER, HE MADE CLEAR THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO CONVEY THE THOUGHT THAT THERE WAS NO PROSPECT FOR A PRESIDENTIAL TRIP OR THAT IT WAS BEING POSTPONED. AT THIS POINT, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE US AND THE NINE TO NARROW THE ISSUES, LOOKING TOWARD HIGHER LEVEL DISCUSSIONS, IF NECESSARY, TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING DIFFERENCES. A DATE LATER THAN MID-NOVEMBER WOULD POSE
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PROBLEMS FOR US REPS, WHO WOULD NEED TO BE IN WASHINGTON IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATIONS FOR NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING PLANNED FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 10.

4. BARTELS SAID THAT DANES WISH TO PROCEED, BUT THERE MAY BE DIFFERENT VIEWS AMONG OTHERS OF THE NINE. SAYING HE WOULD INFORM DANISH AUTHORITIES THAT US WISHED TO HAVE NINE VIEWS ON ECONOMIC PARAGRAPHS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, HE ALSO NOTED THAT EC COMMISSIONER SOAMES WOULD BE VISITING WASHINGTON THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 28, AND SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO INDICATE TO HIM US INTEREST IN HAVING EC NINE VIEWS ON THE ECONOMIC PARAGRAPHS. BARTELS WOULD PLAN TO MAKE THIS POINT IN

THE COURSE OF A DINNER HE WILL GIVE FOR SOAMES, WHERE
THE AMBASSADORS OF THE OTHER EIGHT WOULD BE PRESENT.

5. BARTELS POINTED OUT THAT DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE
COPENHAGEN MEETING MIGHT HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE ECONOMIC
PARAGRAPHS, AND POINTED SPECIFICALLY TO THE NEW AND
DRAMATIC WAY IN WHICH MATTERS RELATED TO ENERGY COULD
AFFECT THE NINE APPROACH TO ECONOMIC ISSUES.

6. IN CONCLUSION, SPRINGSTEEN INDICATED THAT US WOULD
MAKE APPROACHES IN OTHER EIGHT CAPITALS TO OBTAIN
NINE DRAFT OF ECONOMIC PARAGRAPHS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND
PROPOSING US-EC NINE MEETING DURING THE PERIOD NOVEMBER
12-14.

7. FOR BONN, BRUSSELS, DUBLIN, THE HAGUE, LONDON,
LUXEMBOURG, PARIS AND ROME: YOU SHOULD APPROACH
POLITICAL DIRECTORS IN RESPECTIVE CAPITALS TO INDICATE
US INTEREST IN OBTAINING EC NINE COMMENTS ON ECONOMIC
PARAGRAPHS AND OUR DESIRE TO SCHEDULE A MEETING WITH
NINE POLITICAL DIRECTORS ON NOVEMBER 12, 13 OR 14. YOU
MAY REFER TO DANISH INQUIRY IN TERMS SPECIFIED BY BARTELS
IN PARA 2, ABOVE, AND DRAW AS APPROPRIATE UPON
SPRINGSTEEN'S REMARKS.

8. FOR EC BRUSSELS: AT YOUR DISCRETION, YOU MAY APPROACH
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WELLENSTEIN TO OBTAIN HIS ASSESSMENT OF THE DATE BY WHICH
WE CAN EXPECT TO RECEIVE EC COMMENTS ON ECONOMIC
PARAGRAPHS, AND ANY OBSERVATIONS HE MAY HAVE FURTHER TO
THOSE EXPRESSED AT COPENHAGEN MEETING. KISSINGER

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